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1. Method for the preparation of cells for use in the production of biologicals, by culturing cells up till a desired cell volume of a preproduction batch, where after in a repeated discontinuous process:
 - a) part of the cells of the preproduction batch is used for the preparation of at least one production batch, and
 - b) the remaining part of the cells of the preproduction batch is used as a seed for the preparation of at least one subsequent preproduction batch.
 2. Method according to claim 1 wherein in the repeated discontinuous process:
 - a) the first part of the cells of the preproduction batch is transferred to be used for the preparation of at least one production batch, and
 - b) the remaining part of the cells of the preproduction batch is transferred to be used as a seed for the preparation of at least one subsequent preproduction batch.
 3. Method according to claim 1 or 2, characterised in that a first preproduction batch is prepared from a working seed stock by at least one passage step.
 4. Method according to claim 1-3, characterised in that the cells are anchorage-dependent.
 5. Method according to claim 2, characterised in that the cells are anchorage dependent, the cells are grown on a substrate, and prior to each transfer step the cells are released from their substrate.
 6. Method according to claim 1-5, characterised in that the biological of interest is a virus.

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